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SUBJ: REACTION TO TERRORIST ATTACK

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1. REFLECTING POST MONDALE TRIP WARMTH IN U.S.-
GOY RELATIONS, YUGOSLAV REACTION TO DATE HAS BEEN BY THEIR STANDARDS
FAIRLY MODERATE. IN ADDITION TO MOJSOV DEMARCHE IN REFTEL,
MINIC ADDED TO HIS PREPARED REMARKS FOR OPENING OF CSCE
AND DISTRIBUTED AS ADDENDUM FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH CLEARLY
STIMULATED BY EVENT IN NEW YORK: "THIS JOINT TASK OF OURS
IS THE MORE COMPLEX SINCE THERE ARE SINISTER FORCES WHICH
OPPOSE DETENTE AND WHICH RESORT TO ALL SORTS OF MEANS,
FROM PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS TO VARIOUS FORMS OF PRESSURE AND ACTS
OF TERRORISM, IN THE ATTEMPT TO UNDERMINE THE RELAXATION OF
INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND TO THWART THE EFFORTS AIMED AT
THE STRENGTHENING OF CONFIDENCE, SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD". PRESS REPORTS
SEPTELS WHILE MAKING USUAL CHARGES AGAINST USG, ALSO
NOTE THAT TERRORISM IS LARGER PROBLEM IN THE WORLD AND
THAT TWA HIJACKERS ARE IN JAIL.
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2. YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS' COMMENTS IN PRIVATE HAVE BEEN
MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER. FOLLOWING MORNING
MEETING OF CSCE MOJSOV STOPPED TO CHAT WITH POLOFF AND
ACCEPTED LATTER'S REGRETS OVER THE INCIDENT WITH GOOD
GRACE. FSFA DIRECTOR FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND SOVIET
AFFAIRS KNEZEVIC TOLD POLCOUNS HE REGRETTED INCIDENT AS IT

MADE HIS JOB WITH SOVIETS MORE DIFFICULT IN THREE WAYS.
FIRST THAT SOVIETS WOULD NOW INEVITABLY REMIND YUGOSLAVS
THAT THEIR REAL ENEMY WAS THE UNITED STATES.
SECONDLY, THAT WHILE YUGOSLAVIA HAD WELCOMED THE U.S.
HUMAN RIGHTS EMPHASIS AS IT TOO WANTED SOVIET SOCIETY
LESS STALINISTIC NOW PEOPLE WOULD ARGUE THAT THE U.S. KIND
OF FREEDOM ONLY LED TO INSTABILITY AND TERRORISM. AND
THIRD THAT WHILE YUGOSLAVIA WAS PLEASED WITH THE
IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES
AS IT NEEDED A BALANCE IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE THREE MAJOR
POWERS, THE EMOTIONAL REACTION HERE WILL MAKE IT MORE
DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT SPECIFIC MEASURES OF COOPERATION
NOW WITH THE UNITED STATES.
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